

Trailhead & Rt 50 Roundabout 3 Year Acceleration!

April 11, 2019

Good morning,

Due to increased by-right area development, the intersections re-alignment and connection to Trailhead Drive, new school construction and more, I have aggresively pursued safety improvements for the intersection of Rt 50 & Trailhead. Also, being that the intersection is in Loudoun's Transition Policy Area and the Rt 50 Traffic Calming Corridor, I worked to change the planned traffic signal to a more fitting roundabout in order to better preserve the areas character, while accomplishing much needed safety improvements.

Last year, I was able to successfully add construction of the roundabout to the County's Six Year, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) plan, with funding in Fiscal Years (FY) 2022, 2023 and 2024. I'm happy to report that this year I was able to gain support from my colleagues to accelerate that funding by 3 years to FY 2020 and 2021, meaning that construction will now begin 3 years earlier than previously planned!

The FY 2020 funding for design, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation, will now be allocated to the project on July 1, 2019, with construction funding occurring on July 1, 2020. Under this new accelerated funding schedule

(barring any unforeseen circumstances), construction of the roundabout could begin as early as Summer of 2020 and end in Spring or Summer of 2021.

In addition to project acceleration, my office has worked with VDOT, area businesses and property owners, County staff, and the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office to accomplish these recent improvements:

- Hammerdown BBQ sign relocation for improved driver line-of-sight.
- Tree and vegetation removal on S.E. corner of intersection for improved driver line-of-sight.
- New larger stop sign, placed higher for greater stop sign visibility.
- New intersection ahead awareness signage added to east and west bound Rt 50 approaches to intersection.
- Increased monitoring by VDOT for quicker pothole repair.
- Request for increased traffic enforcement by the Sheriff's Office.

		PY	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FFY
Re	commended								
GO Bonds				2,215	6,355	—			
Pr	oposed								
GO Bonds						800	1,600	1,600	1
Smart Scale								5,200	
F	Route 50 & Trailhead Accelerate Drive Roundabout			Move FY 2020 and FY 2021 funding from Intersection Improvement Program to this project; move existing project funds in FY 2022-FY 2024 to Intersection Improvement Program					



As always, I will keep you informed as additional information becomes available.

All my best,

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